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STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMS
Jefferson City, MO
May 27, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lynthia Andrews, DO
Ruby Mehrer, RN
Joan Eberhardt, RN
Randy Davis, EMT-P
Mark Alexander, EMT-P
Wally Patrick, RN
Wayne Sanders, EMT-P

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Tan, MD
Sam Schneider, EMT-P
Vicki Groce, EMT-P
Ben Chlapek, EMT-P
Judith Landvatter, RN

GUESTS

Jimm Murray	Bob Patterson	Andrew Spain
Ken Koch	Kandi Sagehorn	Pam Grimes
Joan Drake	DJ Satterfield	Jerry Kirchhoff
Tim Woods	Patty Parish	Mike Snider
Ken Smith	Chris Hoag-Apel	Paul Guptill
William Pearman	Sean Hill	James Dean
Jason White	Heather Seemann	Joe Salomone
Bob Abrams	Malissa Hembree	Susan Crum
Jay Faulkner	Diana Kraus	Julie Nash
Amy Knoernschild	Jennifer Youngblood	Kevin Pratt
Sumar Muzaffar	Brian Froelke	Sharon Hobson
Dr. Elliott Hix, DO	Monroe Yancie	

DHSS STAFF PRESENT

Jane Drummond, DHSS Director
Nancie McAnagh, Deputy Director
Paula Kempf, Bureau of EMS
Paula Adkison, Bureau of EMS
Jody Hyman, Bureau of EMS
Terry Ellsworth, Bureau of EMS
Jennifer Evans, Bureau of EMS
Shirley Gastler, Bureau of EMS
Jalanine Bundy, Bureau of EMS
Beverly Smith, DHSS
Karen Connell, DHSS
Susan Kneeskern, DHSS

Call to Order

Dr. Andrews called the meeting to order at 11:10.

Dr. Andrews called for a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Jermyn.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March meeting were approved with motion by Joan Eberhardt, and seconded by Randy Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Drummond stated that all the activities that Dr. Jermyn was involved in would go forward. Time Critical bill did pass.

Ms. McAnaugh stated that they are within the allotted time frame for the Time Critical report to be done on time. The EMS grant received a one-year extension. The Department and Missouri Foundation for Health will be looking for an individual to step in and help finish the work that Dr. Jermyn started on this grant. DHSS has been talking to the Fire Marshall in relation to all the disasters that have happened, (i.e. ice storms, floods, etc). DHSS met with Randy Cole, there needs to be one department which is responsible for deploying EMS resources during these emergencies that are happening in the state. Mr. Cole has agreed that DHSS will be the department. We are going to be working with the Fire Marshal's office to have one central location. SEMA has reorganized and moved Health and Senior Services under ESF 8, which is the human services branch, while we do have a human services component because of the special needs shelters; we also have a component in the emergency services branch. Ms. Drummond will be meeting with Mark James of SEMA to explain we need to be in both branches of SEMA. Ms. McAnaugh talked about the volunteer registry. Will be awarding a RFP to a software company that has a 90% ready off the shelf product. We will meet the August timeline to have this completed. Once this is complete, we will be publishing as widely as we can that the registry is available. The more personnel that can be signed up on the registry the better it will be. This will give us one central location to find volunteers in the face of an emergency. Special needs shelters, is there a natural partnering that could take place at the local level with the EMS community, local public health agencies and individuals setting up these shelters? We might be able to pre-identify personnel who would be willing to volunteer to work in these shelters. DHSS would like to set up a work group to work with EMS/Fire/Police/Communications. The Altered Standards of Care work group will focus on needs during a pandemic. Any interested personnel that would like to help with any of the work groups or have any ideas please contact the department.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Legislative – Mark Alexander

Met before the SAC meeting. Subcommittee discussed several House Bills and Senate Bills, these were presented to SAC for support, they include:

Senate Bill 1790 – Stroke/STEMI – **PASSED** -

Senate Bill 915/House Bill 1454 – Peer Review- **Failed**

Senate Bill 1044 – Modifies provisions regarding minimum ambulance staffing for ambulances staffed with volunteers. This affects 6 ambulances services in the state. **Passed**

House Bill 2346 – Federal Reimbursement Allowance for Ground Ambulance Services. This will be an amendment to an existing Senate Bill. Dept of Social Services would like to help with this one.

2009 – Line of Duty Death Benefit, Recall of Ambulance Board, and Peer Review.

Medicaid – EMS industry ground and air ambulance have been given additional General Revenue funds for fiscal year 2009, monies to be split 60% ground 40% air.
Have a draft of the DNR will present at a later date to SAC.

Air Ambulance – Ruby Mehrer

On April 12, 2008, an all day training class was held in Warrensburg, MO., with 5 Air Ambulance Units and over 60 personnel in the audience. The air ambulance services have contacted Dept. of Social Services to request that the new money go toward base rate and not mileage. The committee continues to work on having Weatherturndown.com become the standard for all air programs in the state. Landing Zone project is moving forward, have had additional meetings and are working on developing standards and operating guidelines. There will be a presentation at the Combined Clinical Conference in August. The committee has become aware that as there are more time critical patients being moved from smaller hospitals to larger ones, hospitals with only one helicopter pad sometimes causes air ambulances to circle for 15-20 minutes waiting for the pad to clear. The subcommittee will work on this issue. Next meeting will be June 24, 2008 at 9:00 AM.

Trauma – Wally Patrick

Missouri would benefit from standardizing education, equipment, and protocols for transfer and stabilization in a rural Level IV trauma center. The committee is working diligently on what the requirements would be. A proposal will be presented at the next SAC meeting for the designation of Level IV trauma centers in the state. The regions of Missouri, the hospitals and EMS must become more involved in developing a process improvement plan so that all of the trauma centers in that region would benefit from adding a Level IV.

Education – Monroe Yancie

A conference call was held on May 22nd. Kim McKenna will have official guidelines for education changes in September. Paramedic practical walk through the night before the test is having positive impact. The Poplar Bluff testing has moved to Cape Girardeau, and there is a need for more examiner workshops. The committee is to have another conference call in the future.

Public Information- Randy Davis

The committee sent out an e-mail survey to EMS services around the state to see what they were doing to promote EMS during EMS Week. Small turnout of replies, it is still not too late to let Randy know what your service did to promote EMS week.

Communication Committee – Dr. Andrews

No meeting since the last SAC.

Pediatric Committee – Paula Adkison

Met before SAC. The committee discussed the basics for a pediatric conference. Will contact members of the committee that could not attend today.

Time Critical Diagnosis Task Force – Dr. Andrews

The memorial for Dr. Jermyn is scheduled for June 10, 2008 at 1:30 at the Assembly of God Church on Hwy C in Jefferson City.

Dr. Muzaffar discussed the surveys that she sent out in regards to trauma. She is planning on sending out another survey later in the year. The survey was designed to look at the trauma system.

REGIONS

Northwest

No Meeting

Central-Andrew Spain

No meeting since last SAC.

East Central – Ken Koch

Will have a meeting May 30, 2008 at 1:30 Des Peres Hospital. Focusing on what educational offerings that can be received in the area. In July there will be a Region C EMS Mutual Aid committee meeting.

Region A- Ruby Mehrer

Had a meeting, discussed the need for more members.

Southeast-Terry Ellsworth

Met in Cape Girardeau. The next meeting will be June 27, 2008 in St. Francois County.

Southwest – Bob Paterson

Postponed last meeting. The next meeting will be Friday May 30th in West Plains.

Old Business

Ruby discussed the National EMS Memorial site will be in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Missouri put forth a great effort.

New Business

Introduction of new SAC member Wayne Sanders. Mr. Sanders gave brief overview of himself. Several task forces need to be put together.

June 12, 2008 – 4:00 PM 40th Anniversary at University Hospital

June 27, 2008 – St Francois County new Education Center Grand Opening

Combined Clinical Conference-MEMSA 25th Anniversary. \$10.00 for the dinner.

June 14, 2008 – West County 100th Anniversary

Adjourn

Dr. Andrews adjourned the meeting at 12:00.

Lynthia Andrews SAC Chair

Date